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SUBJECT: TUNA DISCUSSIONS

- 1. EMBASSY AWARE THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEGROPONTE WILL TRAVEL TO SAN JOSE MAY 24-26 TO DISCUSS TUNA ISSUE WITH GOCR OFFICIALS. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO DEPT WHAT, IF ANYTHING, MIGHT BE IMMEDIATELY ACHIEVED THROUGH THESE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OR WHETHER GOCR THINKING RE LONG-TERM APPROACH TO TUNA QUESTION HAS CRYSTALLIZED.
- 2. DEPT. HAS NOTED THAT GOCR, IN RESPONDING TO U.S. NOTE ON SUBJECT, DID NOT PICK-UP ON SUGGESTIONS THAT THERE BE EARLY RECONVENING OF MULTILATERAL MEETING TO NEGOTIATE NEW TUNA REGIME. WE SUGGEST THAT AS A MEANS OF HELPING TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR NEGROPONTE MEETING EMBASSY DISCUSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH APPROPRIATE GOCR OFFICIALS QUESTION OF MULTILATERAL V. BILATERAL SOLUTION AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS,
(A) THE US BELIEVES ONLY VIABLE SOLUTION TO TUNA PROBLEM IS MULTILATERAL ONE, BECAUSE OF THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY NATURE OF THE TUNA AND THE HIGHLY INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE FISHERIES FOR TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN.

(B) THE US IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY TOWARDS

A MULTILATERAL SOLUTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE LOOK FOREWARD TO EARLY CONVENING OF MEETING TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN LAST SEPTEMBER IN SAN JOSE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THROUGH THESE NEGOTIATIONS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO TUNA PROBLEM CAN BE FOUND.

3. NEGROPONTE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM FOX, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE. NEGROPONTE AND FOX WILL ARRIVE MAY 24 AT 5:55 P.M. VIA PA FLT 541. PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLES AT CARIARI HOTEL THROUGH MAY 26. VANCE

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